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January 2001



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**Convention 2001:**

## The Freedom Train



### Friday

8:00 PM Welcoming Reception  
10:00 PM Hospitality Suite

### Saturday

7:30 AM Breakfast  
9:00 AM Business Session  
12:30 PM Luncheon  
2:00 PM Speakers/Workshops  
6:00 PM Candidates Party  
7:00 PM Grand Banquet  
10:00 PM Hospitality Suite

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7:30 AM Breakfast  
9:00 AM Business Session  
12:30 PM Luncheon  
2:00 PM Speakers/Workshops  
7:00 PM Dinner & Dance  
10:00 PM Hospitality Suite

### Monday

7:30 AM Breakfast  
9:00 AM Business Session  
12:30 PM Sam Adams Lunch  
2:00 PM State Exec. Committee

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- Platform Debate/Amendments • Special Events • Exhibits
- Hospitality Suite

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- Mark Hilgenberg • John Hospers • Jim Lark • Tibor Machan
- Mike McHale • Gary Reams • Irv Rubin • Mary Ruwart • Doug Scribner
- Mark Selzer • Aaron Starr • Mark Tuniewicz • Jim Turney
- Margaret Wilcox • Richard Winger • Jarret Wollstein

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Candidate:  
Northern California  
Vice Chair

I have never accepted the premise that regions exist to serve the state party. Nor vice versa.

For the past two years, I have helped in the establishment of six new regional parties and of contacts in all but one of the remaining counties of northern California. I initiated and have continued to organize the Conference of Regional Parties the last two summers to give regional officers and activists a forum to learn from and network with other regional officers and activists.

At the same time, I have also been a strong advocate of the professionalism of the state party. I have strongly supported the Executive Director and the state party office. I have also served on the LPC Budget Committee and helped with fundraising chores.

It has been a pleasure to serve northern California Libertarians. I would be honored to continue the work toward organizing and empowering regional parties in northern California, as well as strengthening the LPC's efforts in statewide activism, elections, fundraising, infrastructure, membership, and outreach. I ask those of you who are northern California members for your vote at the 2001 LPC Convention.

### STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Highlights of actions taken at 16 December meeting in Glendale:

- Approved 2001 budget.
- Appointed convention Bylaws Committee: Dan Wiener (interim chair), José Castañeda, Joe Dehn, Bruce Dovner, Bob Weber.
- Appointed convention Platform Committee coordinator: Ted Brown.
- Adopted new policy for allocation of dues revenue among regions.

For additional information about this and earlier state Executive Committee meetings, see: <http://www.ca.lp.org/lpc-ec-meetings.html>



**MARK SELZER**

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Candidate:  
Southern California  
Vice Chair

I am running at the request of the former Vice Chair Ted Browne. At first I declined, but then I decided that I did not like some of the decisions being made inside the LP. I wanted more training for the Regional chairs who I think need more guidance and help. I want to focus on outreach and running candidates that can win. I think much of the outreach we do is aimed at ourselves rather than those outside the party. We must become more visible and translate our Rhetoric into "real people" talk.

I wish to use my public access show to increase public awareness of the LP and to better our image. I wish to help the other Region chairs with concrete step-by-step things they can do to grow the Regions and find candidates. I want to help. I care about this party, and for me, it is the only answer. I will do everything I can to make it work.

**N**ever doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed persons can change the world. Indeed it's the only thing that ever has.

*Margaret Mead*

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE LPC SECRETARY!

**Convention Delegates:**

You can access a current copy of the LPC Bylaws, LPC Platform and the 2001 Convention Agenda on my "Secretary's Corner" Webpage at: <http://www.peoplesveto.org/lp>

If you would like to serve on the Platform Committee, please notify your Regional Chair. (Chairs are listed on pages 10 and 11 of this newsletter.)

Remember, all elected Libertarians are automatically delegates to the convention. If you are an elected Libertarian and planning to attend, please contact me or your Regional Chair.

*See you there, Sandi Webb*

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## LIBERTARIAN PARTY UPDATES



MARK HINKLE

### From the Chair:

We, as a Party, set two main internal goals this year:

1. Increase our dues-paying membership to 7,000
2. Increase our monthly pledge base to \$6,000 per month.

**Goal 1:** From October we grew from 6093 to 6119 in November. No great shakes, but heading in the right direction. Nationwide, we have 121.7 members per million population. Whereas, here in California, it's 183.4 per million population. The Libertarian National Committee, at its December budget meeting, allocated

funds for membership recruitment. That combined with our own membership retention plans, is good news for renewed membership growth in 2001.

**Goal 2:** The October monthly pledge base was \$5,432.15. The November figure is \$5,573.31. This included funds passed through to the local regions. The number of pledgers has grown to 257 in November from 242 individuals in October. Each month we inch closer to our goal of \$6,000 per month. Why not start the year off right with an investment in your future, in your freedom. Please join the LPC's monthly credit-card pledge program.

The year 2000 started off early with a lot of dedicated volunteers working to get people on the ballot for our record setting year. It ended with the same spirit. Case in point was the recount for Kate O'Brien's race in Simi Valley. When her victory was challenged, volunteers came out to help make sure victory was ours. We've tasted victory – and it's so sweet.

As I do every month, in one form or another, I ask you: "How fast do you want us to succeed?" We may not be a well-oiled machine, nor as precise as a Swiss watch, but we do know how to get the job done. How fast we get the job done is a matter of the resources at hand. Those resources come voluntarily from you.

Even though today we have a full time Executive Director, part-time assistant, two part-time contractors, an office, a budget of \$275,000, 6,119 dues-paying members, 94,538 registered libertarians, and media coverage over 1,600 times so far this year, it's not enough.

We're dealing with numbers in the thousands, while Republicans and Democrats numbers are in the millions. So like the 98-pound weakling on the beach, if we're going to flex our muscles, we're going to have to grow some. The most successful way we've found so far is with money. Everything we do gets better, stronger, smarter, and more effective with more funds.

Please join the monthly credit-card pledge program. An investment in the Libertarian Party is good bet for a freer, more prosperous future.

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*Yours in liberty, Mark Hinkle*

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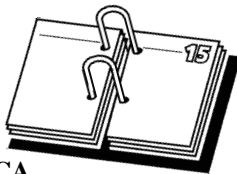
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## CALENDAR

YEAR 2001



### FEBRUARY 2

**Kubby sentencing hearing in Auburn, CA.**

### FEBRUARY 16-19

**LPC Convention**, Doubletree Hotel, San Jose. Presenters include Mary Ruwart, Richard Winger, John Hospers among others. Contact: Cullene Lang (530) 894-2691 and (530) 894-5565, cullene@aol.com. Information and registration at: <http://www.ca.lp.org/conv/2001/>

### MARCH 15-18

**Reason Weekend 2001**. Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Florida. Sponsored by the Reason Foundation. Contact: Amber Trudgeon (310) 391-2245, [ambert@reason.org](mailto:ambert@reason.org).

### MAY 25-27

**Libertarian Futurist Society National Conference**, in Columbus, Ohio. For information, visit <http://www.LFS.org>.

### JULY 1-5

**The 20th annual world conference of the International Society for Individual Liberty**, to be held in France. Information and registration at <http://www.bastiat.net> and <http://www.libertarian.to>.

### AUGUST 4-10

**Cato University Summer Seminar**. At the Rancho Bernardo Inn, San Diego, CA. Sponsored by the Cato Institute. For information: phone (202) 789-5229.

### AUGUST 25-26

**Regional Conference**. Third Annual Conference of the Regional Parties, in Fresno. Contact Rodney Austin.

## REGIONAL MEETINGS TO SELECT DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION

**R01 - East Bay (Alameda & Contra Costa)**, January 16, 7:15 PM, Fellowship of Humanity Hall, 390 27th Street, Oakland

**R03 - Gold Country (Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne)**  
January 16, 7 PM, Bob Mulvany's home, Murphys

**R36 - San Bernardino County**, January 16, 8:00 PM  
Denny's Restaurant, 160 West Valley Blvd., Colton

**R37 - San Diego County**, January 27, 2:00 PM,  
Marina Village Conference Center, San Diego

**R39 - San Joaquin County**, January 3, 7:00 PM,  
Marie Callender's Restaurant, 2628 W. March Lane, Stockton

**R41 - San Mateo County**, January 18, 7:30 PM,  
Hobee's Restaurant, 1111 Shoreway Road, Belmont

**R43 - Santa Clara County**, January 11, 8:00 PM,  
Campbell Community Center, Winchester & Campbell, Campbell

**R44 - Santa Cruz County**, December 27, 8:00 PM,  
Marie Callender's Restaurant, Capitola

**R49 - Sonoma County**, December 1, 7:00 PM,  
Coddington Community Room, Coddington Mall, Santa Rosa

**R61 - Los Angeles County: San Fernando Valley**, January 25,  
7:00 PM, Carrow's Restaurant, 18355 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana

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## REGIONAL MEETINGS (continued)

**R62 - Los Angeles County: West**, January 6, 2:00 PM,  
Dinah's Restaurant, 6521 Sepulveda Blvd., Westchester

**R64 - Los Angeles County: Central**, December 27, 7:00 PM,  
IHOP Restaurant, 7006 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood

**R65 - Los Angeles County: Southeast**, January 2, 8:00 PM,  
Coco's Restaurant, 11510 E. South St., Cerritos

**R66 - Los Angeles County: Long Beach /South Bay**, January  
18, 6:30 PM, Garden Court Restaurant, Marriott Hotel, Torrance

**R68 - Los Angeles County: Antelope Valley**, January 18, 6:30 PM,  
Greenhouse Cafe, Antelope Valley Mall, Palmdale

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## CALIFORNIA UPDATES



JUAN ROS

### JURY DUTY DOES NOT DETER ROS

Even two weeks of mandatory jury service did not stop LPC Executive Director Juan Ros from working hard on behalf of liberty in December — but it did serve as another reminder of how government doesn't work.

"I'm all in favor of trial by jury, but anyone who is forced to sit in a large room all day for almost two weeks like I did in the event that he or she may be called as a juror can

plainly see that the selection of juror pools is a flawed process that needs immediate fixing," Ros noted. "Anyone for privatizing juries or, at the least, instituting an all-volunteer system?"

Despite being coerced into traveling to downtown Los Angeles, Ros still managed a media interview outside the county courthouse with the *Los Angeles Times* about the Florida election recount. The story was published December 2. In addition, Ros appeared for the fourth time on Internet radio station AdrenalineRadio.com the evening of December 12 to discuss the Florida situation.

"I'm becoming a regular political commentator for them, and it's a mutually beneficial relationship," Ros pointed out. "I lend them an air of credibility, and they give me a worldwide forum for advancing the Libertarian message."

### Other notable events that occurred over the last month:

- Libertarian voter registrations hit another high. Figures based on the pre-election deadline of October 10 show that 94,538 California voters are registered with the Libertarian Party — a one-month jump of almost 4% and an all-time high for the LPC. "We couldn't be more pleased with these numbers," Ros said. "It is further proof that the effort of all our candidates and activists at the state and local level is paying off."
- The new Sacramento Legislature was sworn in — and immediately began introducing bills. "Hold on to your wallets, folks," Ros warned. "The December session is supposed to be just a formal swearing-in, while the actual work begins in January. But the Assembly has already introduced 70 bills and the Senate an additional 49 bills!"

"As usual, our state lawmakers are obsessed with passing new laws. I plan to keep a close eye on our elected legislators and to fight any bills that would infringe on our liberties!"

- Most exciting of all, an eighth Libertarian was elected to local office. Kate O'Brien of Ventura County won a seat on the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District by only three votes — and after her opponent ordered a manual recount of the ballots. "Fortunately, Kate held her lead during the recount and even expanded it by two votes, so her opponent conceded after a week of recounting," Ros reported.

"I am so grateful to everyone who volunteered their time for the recount effort. My only regret was that I couldn't help because of jury duty!"

O'Brien becomes the 15th California Libertarian to be elected or re-elected to office in 2000, the most of any year in recent memory.

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### OUR GENEROUS DONORS

The Libertarian Party of California gratefully thanks the following individuals who generously contributed \$20 or more towards party projects and operations recently:

**Eric Mendenhall • Dennis Schlumpf**

### MONTHLY PLEDGE WATCH

Thank you to the following new state Monthly Pledgers, or current Pledgers who increased their monthly contribution to the Libertarian Party of California:

**Bruce Dovner**

**Susan L. Millis**

**Leslie Schnaubelt**

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**Judd Weiss**

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To join our Monthly Pledge Program or make a general contribution for party operations, please contact Juan Ros at (818) 782-8400, or e-mail: [director@ca.lp.org](mailto:director@ca.lp.org). You can also use the form on the back page of this newsletter.

### FREEDOM CALENDAR FOR 2001

Did you ever notice the statist historical bias in these "On This Day" calendars available in print and on the web? They always seem to be celebrating some egregious act by government: the imposition of compulsory school, a new tax, a new war, and the like.

For a better alternative, go to <http://www.mises.org/2001.pdf> and download the **Mises Institute Freedom Calendar for 2001**. It's free, and it tells you the days that matter in the history of liberty: the birth and death dates of great economists, tax revolts in Colonial America, the repeal of Prohibition, the invention of the lightbulb, and two hundred other fascinating items. It will be continually updated as we receive more suggestions, so check back during 2001 for the newest edition.

*Fred from Humboldt  
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*Continued from previous column*

With the New Year approaching at press time, Ros says the LPC has much to be proud of — and much to look forward to. "Our media efforts have generated stories that reached 5.8 million readers this year — 14% more than last year. Over 2,000 news stories have mentioned the word 'Libertarian' this year. And let's not forget our incredible 305 candidates that ran for office this year," Ros remembered.

"I am looking forward to our 2001 State Convention in San Jose, and we have also begun preparations for the 2002 State Convention. The new year promises more challenges — and, I predict, more successes!"



The Libertarian Party of California

## Convention 2001

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### CONVENTION PACKAGES & PRICES

**Note: Prices valid until February 1, 2001**

Meals cannot be guaranteed after Feb. 1.

**Individual event tickets** will be sold at convention:

Speaker events \$15, Breakfasts \$25, Lunch Events \$35, Dinners \$60, "Marketing for Libertarians" Seminar \$45.

**The Full Package** includes all speakers and meals (welcoming reception, three breakfasts, three lunches, Saturday banquet, and Sunday dinner and dance):

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## CONVENTION ELECTION: CANDIDATES FOR LPC CHAIR

At the LPC Convention, delegates will be voting for all officers. A list of current office-holders is on page 10. Our most hotly-contested election appears to be for Chair. Here are statements from the three candidates.



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I am running for State Chair because I believe the LPC is in a critical growing phase. Our success depends on establishing on-going systems to support our regions and members. The better they do, the better the LPC does.

- I would like to establish a library of materials for training candidates and officers. All members should take advantage of these materials to improve speaking and organizational skills.
- I fully support the Executive Director and the LPC office.
- I support the focus on elections, especially local races, and strongly encourage libertarian involvement in community issues.

I regularly attend the LPC Ex-Comm meetings, but I'm most proud to be a part of Orange County's success including 1249 new registrants in 2000!

I have been:

- County Chair for two terms; one as Secretary, and am currently on the LPC Ex-Comm.
- County Fair Coordinator for the last three years (a 17 day event)
- Fund raiser and manager for a year long, \$10,000 advertising program.
- Editor for the local newsletter: *FreeOC*.

And I bring non-LP experience. Self-employed for ten years, I've learned to work well with anyone, and sell myself. I want to share these skills and encourage you to put them into practice for the LP. Ultimately our success will be determined by how well we communicate our ideas and work with other people.

I will provide the leadership skills to keep us focused and working together towards our goals, just as I did in Orange County. We must support each other to operate

*CROSS continued in next column*



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I am running for Chair of the LPC because I believe I can provide the leadership that will turn our fortunes around and win us elections. The regional activists, who are the backbone of our Party, must be treated with respect and no longer as cash cows by arrogant State officials. I will fight for the rights of the regions to control their own funds, as I have in the past, and create a new agreement between the State and the regions.

I have years of experience as a Party official, and have a good grasp of state-level policy. I have competently led my region and served as assistant to the Northern Vice-Chair, as well as serving on the ExComm repeatedly.

To find out my positions on a variety of subjects, please go to my website, [www.sommer2001.web.com](http://www.sommer2001.web.com).

Yours for Victory, Jeffrey Sommer

### **CROSS (continued)**

effectively, both as an organization and as individuals. The success of our candidates and outreach efforts depends on it.

I am eager to earn your support. Please feel free to contact me with any questions about my positions and suggestions of your own. ■



### **STARR (continued)**

manufacturing firm. I'm a long-time Libertarian, past LPC Treasurer, served five terms as Chairman of the LP of Ventura County, and am currently a member of the LPC Executive Committee.

I ask for your vote and your support for the position of Libertarian Party of California Chair. ■



**AARON  
STARR**

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The Libertarian Party of California must be more than just a debating society. As a political party, it is essential that we grow into a political force that can elect candidates and promote our ideals of individual liberty.

I've already been doing that. Serving as campaign manager and political consultant, I helped Sandi Webb and Bonnie Flickinger get elected to the Simi Valley and Moreno Valley City Councils, and Kate O'Brien get elected to the Simi Valley Park Board. I was the architect of Operation Breakthrough, through which 168 Libertarians were persuaded to run for local offices all over California. Fourteen (8%) of those Libertarians won. I have personally raised tens of thousands of dollars towards all these campaigns.

Here are some of the specific goals I will concentrate on if I am elected LPC Chair:

- 1) Keep our Executive Director.
- 2) Operation Breakthrough, Version 2.0 — Run 500 Libertarians and elect 40 candidates to local offices.
- 3) Improve Membership Retention.
- 4) Negotiate a New Member Bounty Program with National LP, available to Regions.
- 5) Develop a Member Skills database available to Regions.
- 6) Reduce Expense of the newsletter: Electronic delivery or consolidate with National LP.
- 7) Develop a Major Donor Program.
- 8) Mail Fundraising Letters Consistently: Outsource, if necessary.
- 9) Consolidate accounting function into the LPC Headquarters.

I believe I have the background and experience to achieve these goals. I'm a Certified Public Accountant and the Chief Financial Officer of a multi-million dollar

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## AROUND THE WORLD

### POLITICS AS USUAL

#### Friendship Heights = Unfriendly Depths

In Friendship Heights, a neighborhood of about 5,000 residents in Chevy Chase MD, just outside Washington, the Council is seeking county approval for a ban on smoking in all public spaces that are maintained by the village. Under the ban, smoking on sidewalks, streets, patches of grass or any other area owned by the village would be punished with a \$100 fine. Anyone discarding tobacco products in those areas would also be subject to the fine. If the regulation is approved, Friendship Heights will have the most far-reaching ban on outdoor smoking in the nation.

*The New York Times, November 25, 2000*

#### Police Fall Victim to Crime Wave

A police station became the latest target in South Africa's crime wave when robbers held it up and made off with 370,000 South African rand (\$50,570) in cash. Two men in balaclavas walked into a police station in the remote Northern Cape province, held up two officers and then made off with the cash, which was intended for pensioners and kept in a private vehicle parked at the station for safekeeping.

*Reuters, September 21, 2000*

#### Citizens Rebel Against Drug War

Public tries new options as prosecution appears to harm, not help, users. California voters approved a radically different approach this November to dealing with the drug problem. By a difference of 61 to 39 percent, or by roughly 2 million votes, people backed probation and treatment instead of jail for non-violent crimes of drug possession or drug use.

*San Jose Mercury News, November 26, 2000*

#### Moochers at the Multiplex

Despite the industry's failure to produce promised economic benefits, countless cities are jumping on the movie house bandwagon. Grab a bag of popcorn and get out your hankies. This one's a real tear-jerker — for taxpayers. Movie theaters are shutting down all across America. The stock prices of major multiplex chains are plummeting. Cinema companies are declaring bankruptcy, defaulting on loans, and failing to pay their rent. So what are city government officials doing? Raising taxes and doling out public subsidies to lure the debt-ridden movie-theater industry to downtown retail centers. Here are three examples:

- The Denver Pavilions project, a "public-private partnership," typifies the taxpayer financing of movie palaces. The retail block with a 15-screen multiplex, which anchors a downtown mall, was partially funded with \$24 million raised by creating a local tax increment financing district.
- In Washington, D.C., the always cash-strapped city council somehow scrounged together \$46 million — also through tax increment financing — to help private developers finance construction of a retail complex anchored by a 21-screen AMC movie theater with 4,300 stadium-style seats.
- The Taj Mahal of all movie house builders, Florida-based Muvico Theaters, will open an ostentatious megaplex modeled after the Paris Opera at West Palm Beach's CityPlace. It's a half-billion-dollar, government-backed redevelopment project backed with \$80 million in public subsidies.

*Heritage Foundation, <http://www.townhall.com>, October 6, 2000*

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<http://www.nationaloutrage.org/>

<http://www.nationaloutrage.org/article06.html>

<http://www.massnews.com/mayds4.htm>

#### DRUG WAR CLOCK

<http://www.drugsense.org/wodclock.htm>

#### ELECTION STATISTICS

<http://www.ca.lp.org/lpc-hist-elections.html>

<http://archive.lp.org/er/>

#### GET GOVERNMENT OUT OF HI-TECH

<http://www.techleadership.org>

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<http://mwhodges.home.att.net/hodges.htm>

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<http://www.KeepAndBearArms.com>

#### HANDGUNS

Current list of handguns approved by CA Department of Justice:

<http://caag.state.ca.us/firearms/certlist.htm>

#### HERITAGE FOUNDATION

<http://www.townhall.com/columnists>.

#### INS PETITIONS TO STOP CHECKPOINTS

<http://www.lprc.org/inspetition.htm>

#### KUBBY TRIAL AND INFO

<http://www.kubby.com>

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Convention Agenda/Bylaws/Platform, at

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## LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

*Major strategic planning effort set for 2001*

The Libertarian National Committee met 9-10 December 2000 in Washington, DC. The Chair, staff, and regional representatives presented various reports on the state of the Party. There was discussion throughout the meeting of such topics as campaigns, ballot status, membership, and communications.



JOE DEHN

Regional  
Representative

The Treasurer presented a report on finances, emphasizing his concerns about liquidity in recent years. A new guideline was adopted, directing the staff to limit accounts payable to no more than cash, and it was decided to segregate \$150,000 in a reserve account that cannot be withdrawn without Executive Committee approval. Changes were made to the job descriptions of the Treasurer and the Director to clarify their respective roles in relation to financial matters.

A budget outlining approximately \$3.1 million in expenses for 2001 was approved.

Considerable time was devoted to discussing plans for a Strategic Planning Team. It was decided to establish a team consisting of all LNC members and alternates interested in participating, plus two elected Libertarians, two senior staff members, and two other people from the libertarian movement. The first meeting of the SPT was set for 10-11 February in Indianapolis, with additional meetings monthly after that and a goal of presenting a recommendation at the August LNC meeting.

The Director was authorized to make arrangements for the 2002 convention to be held in Indianapolis around the 4th of July.

Perry Willis made a presentation about the Harry Browne 2000 campaign.

An attorney working on preparing a suit to overturn the federal campaign finance laws made a presentation.

Don Gorman made a presentation on his views of the state of the Party and his own plans.

The following were appointed to serve as the Program Committee: Sara Chambers, Michael Gilson de Lemos, Lorenzo Gaztanaga. The following were appointed to serve as the Advertising and Publications Review Committee: Joe Dehn, Jim Dexter, Michael Gilson de Lemos. The Convention Planning Committee was

abolished. Bill Redpath was appointed as Internal Auditor.

Bill Hall was appointed as General Counsel under a new arrangement where his firm will be reimbursed for some of his work.

The minutes of the meetings of 29 June, 2 July, 3 July, and 24 August were approved.

A resolution was passed recognizing the work of James Merritt as moderator of the Libertarian forum on AOL.

The next meeting is scheduled for 21 April 2001 in Washington, DC.

*This is a summary of the meeting and is not intended to be relied upon as a complete record of business.* ■

## KUBBY VERDICT: MIXED BLESSING DRUG WAR CONTINUES

Libertarians were elated, disappointed, and cautious following the conclusion of the medical marijuana trial of former Libertarian gubernatorial candidate Steve Kubby and his wife Michele.

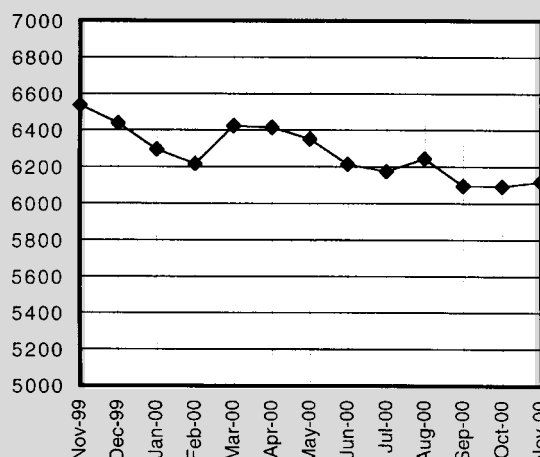
Almost two years after their home was raided by drug agents, and following a three-month trial, a hung jury of 11-1 was declared December 22 on five counts each of possession, cultivation, and conspiracy against the Kubbys, with the majority of eleven voting for acquittal.

Steve was found guilty of two separate felony charges of possession of a controlled substance — psilocin and peyote — but Michele was acquitted of both those charges.

“There is no doubt in our minds that Steve and Michele were using medical marijuana lawfully. There is no doubt that Steve was targeted by law enforcement authorities following his high-profile gubernatorial campaign — in which he openly testified that taking marijuana was the only thing keeping a rare form of cancer from killing him,” said Mark Hinkle, Chair of LPC.

Steve is scheduled for sentencing on February 2. Placer County prosecutors have not decided whether to request a retrial on the deadlocked charges. “Considering today’s 11-1 outcome, they would be foolish to retry the case,” Hinkle concluded. “As far as we’re concerned, Steve and Michele Kubby’s use of medical marijuana has been vindicated.”

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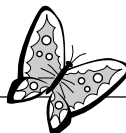
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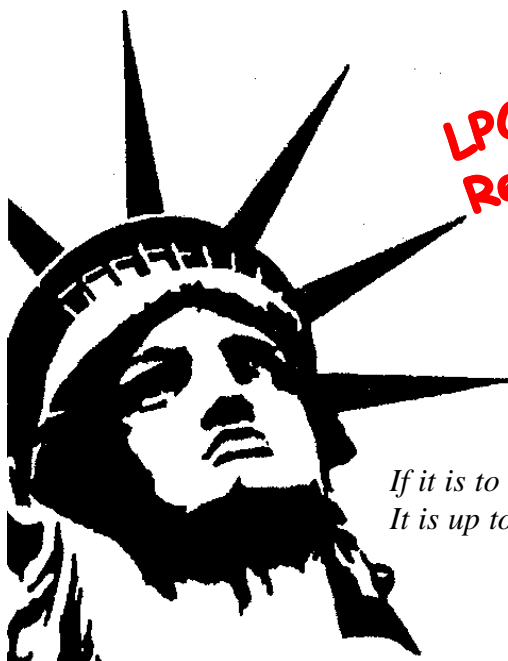
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